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Raised Bill No. 352

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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:
(CE)

***AN ACT REQUIRING ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR
CERTAIN BILLS CONSIDERED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 2-24 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

3 (a) The words "State of Connecticut" shall be printed at the head of
4 each bill and document printed by order of the General Assembly, or
5 either house thereof, and on its title page or cover, if any. Before
6 printed or photographic copies of an original bill are made, the bill
7 shall be endorsed with (1) the date of its introduction; (2) its number;
8 (3) the name of the member or committee introducing it; and (4) the
9 name of the committee to which it was referred. Copies of bills or
10 resolutions printed after favorable report by a committee or reprinted
11 after amendment on the third reading, i.e., files, shall bear the file
12 number of such bill or resolution, placed conspicuously at the head of
13 the same, which file number shall be assigned by the printer in the
14 order printed, the number and title of the bill, the name of the
15 committee to which it was referred, the date and nature of the
16 committee's report, and, in any case where the bill, if passed, would

17 require the expenditure of state or municipal funds or affect state or
18 municipal revenue, a fiscal note, including an estimate of the cost or of
19 the revenue impact, and an economic impact statement, including an
20 estimate of the cost, to the bill shall be appended thereto. When a bill or
21 resolution is accompanied with a report of a committee, other than a
22 recommendation that it ought or ought not to pass, it shall then have
23 an additional endorsement, as follows: "Accompanied by special
24 report, No.-". Bills shall be designated in the printed calendar of each
25 house by their file numbers, as well as by the titles and numbers of the
26 bills.

27 (b) The economic impact statement required under subsection (a) of
28 this section shall contain: (1) An estimate of the proposed change in
29 income and employment in the state; (2) the effects of the proposal on
30 existing business or industrial entities (3) an estimate of the total
31 employment and income resulting from a business if the proposal is
32 intended to induce a new business or industry to locate in the state;
33 and (4) a brief statement of assumptions and data sources used to
34 prepare the estimates or the reasons if no specific estimates are
35 possible.

36 Sec. 2. Section 2-24a of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is
37 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
38 *October 1, 2006*):

39 (a) No bill without a fiscal note appended thereto which, if passed,
40 would require the expenditure of state or municipal funds or affect
41 state or municipal revenue in the current fiscal year or any of the next
42 ensuing five fiscal years shall be acted upon by either house of the
43 General Assembly unless said requirement of a fiscal note is dispensed
44 with by a vote of at least two-thirds of such house. Such fiscal note
45 shall clearly identify the cost and revenue impact to the state and
46 municipalities in the current fiscal year and in each of the next ensuing
47 five fiscal years.

48 (b) No bill without an economic impact statement appended to it

49 which, if passed, would impose a cost on businesses that have operations
 50 in this state shall be acted upon by either house of the General Assembly
 51 unless the requirement of an economic impact statement is dispensed
 52 with by a vote of at least two-thirds of such house.

53 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 2-71c of the 2006 supplement to the
 54 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 55 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

56 (c) The legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis shall assist the General
 57 Assembly and the Legislative Department, legislative commissions
 58 and legislative committees in a research and advisory capacity as
 59 follows: (1) Reviewing department and program operating budget
 60 requests; (2) analyzing and helping to establish priorities with regard
 61 to capital programs; (3) checking executive revenue estimates for
 62 accuracy; (4) recommending potential untapped sources of revenue; (5)
 63 assisting in legislative hearings and helping to schedule and prepare
 64 the agenda of such hearings; (6) assisting in the development of means
 65 by which budgeted programs can be periodically reviewed; (7)
 66 preparing short analyses of the costs and long-range projections of
 67 executive programs and proposed agency regulations; (8) keeping
 68 track of federal aid programs to make sure that Connecticut is taking
 69 full advantage of opportunities for assistance; (9) reviewing, on a
 70 continuous basis, departmental budgets and programs; (10) analyzing
 71 and preparing critiques of the Governor's proposed budget; (11)
 72 studying, in depth, selected executive programs during the interim;
 73 (12) performing such other services in the field of finance as may be
 74 requested by the Joint Committee on Legislative Management; (13)
 75 preparing the fiscal notes, required under section 2-24, as amended by
 76 this act, upon favorably reported bills which require expenditure of
 77 state or municipal funds or affect state or municipal revenue; (14)
 78 preparing at the end of each fiscal year a compilation of all fiscal notes
 79 on legislation and agency regulations taking effect in the next fiscal
 80 year, including the total costs, savings and revenue effects estimated in
 81 such notes; [and] (15) every second and fourth year after the effective

82 date of each enacted bill, review the fiscal note of such bill to compare
 83 it to the fiscal note prepared at the time such bill was enacted; and (16)
 84 preparing the economic impact statement required under section 2-24, as
 85 amended by this act, upon favorably reported bills which would impose
 86 a cost on businesses that have operations in this state. The governing
 87 body of any municipality, if requested, shall provide the Office of
 88 Fiscal Analysis, within two working days, with any information that
 89 may be necessary for analysis in preparation of such fiscal notes. Each
 90 officer, board, commission or department of the state government shall
 91 assist the Office of Fiscal Analysis in carrying out its duties and, if
 92 requested, shall make its records and accounts available to the office in
 93 a timely manner, except that where there are statutory requirements of
 94 confidentiality with regard to such records and accounts, the identity
 95 of any person to whom such records or accounts relate shall not be
 96 disclosed.

97 Sec. 4. Section 2-26 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 98 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

99 At each regular or special session of the General Assembly no bill
 100 shall be passed or become a law unless it has been printed in its final
 101 form, as prescribed by section 2-24, with the exception of germane
 102 amendments, and upon the desks of the members at least two
 103 legislative days prior to its final passage, unless the president pro
 104 tempore of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives
 105 have certified, in writing, the facts which in their opinion necessitate
 106 an immediate vote on such bill, in which case it shall nevertheless be
 107 upon the desks of the members in final form, accompanied by the
 108 fiscal note and economic impact statement required by section 2-24, as
 109 amended by this act, when applicable, with the exception of germane
 110 amendments, but not necessarily printed, before its final passage.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	2-24
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Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	2-24a
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	2-71c(c)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	2-26

Statement of Purpose:

To require economic impact statements for certain bills being considered by the General Assembly.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]